

**City of Raleigh
Community Services Department
Mission Statement:**

The City of Raleigh Community Services Department provides innovative services and programs, which consist of, but are not limited to, enhancing the quality of life for the people and communities of the City of Raleigh. The Department meets the needs of the City's diverse citizenry by serving as a primary referral resource for human services, coordinating and facilitating citizen involvement, and improving community relations.

The Neighborhood Services Division is proud of its role in providing opportunities and assistance to, and with, each and every neighborhood in Raleigh. Our programs promote partnership-building through community interaction and neighborhood asset development. These programs include:

- Citizens' Advisory Councils
- Citizens' Participation Leadership Institute (CPLI)
- Celebrating Neighborhoods Month
- Fair Housing/Fair Housing Hearing Board
- Hispanic/Latino American Services
- Neighborhood Association Registry
- Neighborhood College
- Annual Neighborhood Exchange
- Neighborhood Improvement Program/Next Step
- Neighborhood Quality Initiative
- Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program
- We Are Neighbors
- Citizen Area Liaisons

The City of Raleigh's Community Services Department is constantly searching for ways to assist residents in identifying physical and human resources to help build stronger neighborhoods and improve their quality of life. For more information on the Community Services Department, as well as our Neighborhood Improvement Programs, please contact us 996-6100.



**2008
Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange
Citizens' Committee Members**

Jerry Ballan

Gary Blum

Vincent Boone

Portia Cross

Karen Jordan

Joe Moore

Charles Rodman

Cynthia Vass

Our committee of neighborhood volunteers has donated numerous hours and much effort in making this year's event meaningful and successful. Knowledge, made available throughout our neighborhoods and communities, is the key to empowering our Raleigh citizens. We hope to see you at this year's 2008 Neighborhood Exchange!



For information contact the Neighborhood Services Division of the Community Services Department at 831-6100 or visit our website at www.raleighnc.gov/communityservices.

**City of Raleigh
Community Services Department**
Post Office Box 590
Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

**The 5th
Annual**



"Many Neighborhoods ...One Raleigh"

September 19, 2008
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

September 20, 2008
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Raleigh Convention Center
2 East South Street
Raleigh, North Carolina



**“Many Neighborhoods...
One Raleigh”**

The most important and effective partner the Community Services Department has is a concerned and informed citizen. The “Neighborhood Exchange” is being offered to you and your neighbors in an effort to provide the information needed to address concerns in your neighborhood. **Here are this year’s session topics:**

- 1 Non-Law Enforcement Crime Prevention**
There are steps that each citizen can take to aid in crime prevention. Learn the important steps that you can take to prevent crime in your community
- 2 Community Gardens**
Incorporating gardening into community development is a popular way to engage fellow citizens and organize communities.
- 3 Senior Community Involvement**
Community involvement is not limited by age. Regardless of age, there are a number of ways to remain active in the community.
- 4 Organizing Your Community**
The City of Raleigh prides itself in maintaining a commitment to ensure that all citizens enjoy the highest quality of life possible. Of utmost importance is the organization of neighborhoods to the point that they can become self reliant with our continued support.
- 5 Parks and Recreation**
The City of Raleigh has often been called, ‘A city inside of a park’. Come and learn about the programs and activities that highlight the City of Raleigh.
- 6 Topics for the Spanish Community (in Spanish)**
 1. Multicultural Neighbors: Live, Learn & Build Relationships
Vecinos Multiculturales: Vivir, Aprender y Establecer Relaciones.
 2. Community Organizing: Who, Why & How
Organización Comunitaria: Quien, Porque y Como
- 7 Teen Topics (ages 13–18)**
 1. Character building and self esteem
 2. Youth Civic Engagement
 3. College Preparation

Exchange

The Exchange is a new addition to the Neighborhood Exchange. The Exchange is a portion of the break out session where participants are grouped with other attendees in order to analyze community based subjects.

At the conclusion of the analysis, a spokesperson from each group will present their findings. The session will be facilitated by Dr. Kretzmann and will be a lot of fun!

**RALEIGH NEIGHBORHOOD EXCHANGE
SCHEDULE**

Friday, September 19, 2008

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.....Registration
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.....Dinner & Keynote Speaker



**DINNER &
KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Mary Nelson,
Chicago, Illinois
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Mary Nelson has spent the last 40 years working in faith-based community development on the west side of Chicago, seeking to carry out the asset based community development principles in concrete ways through her leadership of Bethel New Life, Inc. Along the way, Mary earned a MAT from Brown University and a PhD from Union Graduate School and has six honorary degrees.

Bethel has pioneered (in a community based way) in energy efficient housing, sustainable community development, environmental justice (turning liabilities into opportunities), comprehensive community based continuum of care for elderly, and community building for violence reduction, welcoming formerly incarcerated back into the community and the greening of the community.

Mary has transitioned from the leadership of Bethel New Life into a senior associate position. She is on the faculty of the Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Institute, North Park University, CCDA Institute, and the Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education (SCUPE). She is on the Boards of Sojourners and Christian Community Development Association (CCDA). Mary’s experience, rooted in faith and the asset based community development approach, can help groups through inspiration, planning and development, and training in ABCD techniques and processes and through making connections with the hidden assets in their communities.

Saturday, September 20, 2008

7:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.Registration
8:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.....Breakout Sessions
12:30 – 2:00 p.m...Luncheon and Keynote Speaker

BREAK-OUT SESSION TIMES

First Session..... 8:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.
Second Session 9:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Third Session 11:10 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

**LUNCHEON &
KEYNOTE FACILITATOR**

Dr. John P. Kretzmann, Director,
Asset-Based Community Development Institute,
North Western University
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.



John Kretzmann (Jody) is Co-Director of the Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) Institute, a research project of the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University.

ABCD Institute works with community building leaders across North America as well as five other continents to conduct research, produce materials and otherwise support community-based efforts to rediscover local capacities and to mobilize citizens’ resources to solve problems.

Kretzmann has worked to develop community-oriented public policy at the national, state and local levels. In Chicago, he served as chair of the Neighborhood Planning Committee for Mayor Harold Washington, and was an active policy consultant through Washington’s four and a half years in office. He serves on a wide range of civic, community, and foundation boards.

Kretzmann’s educational background includes a B.A. from Princeton University (Magna Cum Laude); a M.A. in English Literature from the University of Virginia; and a Ph.D. in Sociology and Urban Affairs from Northwestern University.

Register Early; Save \$10!

\$15.00 Early Registration deadline
is **September 9, 2008** (\$25 thereafter)
[Registration fee also covers cost of both meals]
Make checks payable to: City of Raleigh

Return This Registration Form & Check to:
**Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange
Community Services Dept.
P.O. Box 590, Raleigh, NC 27602**

Registration Form:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____-_____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone (h): (____) _____ - _____
Phone (w): (____) _____ - _____
E-Mail: _____
*** Teen Topic Registrants:** please indicate age: _____
What CAC District do you live in (if known)? _____

Friday Keynote Dinner ☐ yes ☐ no

Saturday Seminar Selection

(Please circle the seminar number beside your choice for each of the three sessions)

8:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.	First Session
1st Choice	1 2 3 4 5 6
2nd Choice	1 2 3 4 5 6
9:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Second Session
1st Choice	1 2 3 4 5 6
2nd Choice	1 2 3 4 5 6
11:10 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.	Third Session
Exchange	All Participants

Teen participants will remain on the same tract for the entire conference.

Please indicate here if you have any special dietary needs:

Saturday Keynote Luncheon

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. ☐ yes ☐ no